

#### Welcome ICF/IID Providers!

# COVID-19 Updates and Q&A with LTC Regulation and DSHS

June 22, 2020

For more information:

Web: https://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-provider-information

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Phone: 512-438-3161

#### **Panelist**

Cecilia Cavuto, MSML NF, ICF & LSC Policy and Rule Manager Policy, Rules and Training Long-term Care Regulation

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### Reminder

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## **Reminder:** PPE Infection Control Basics Webinar

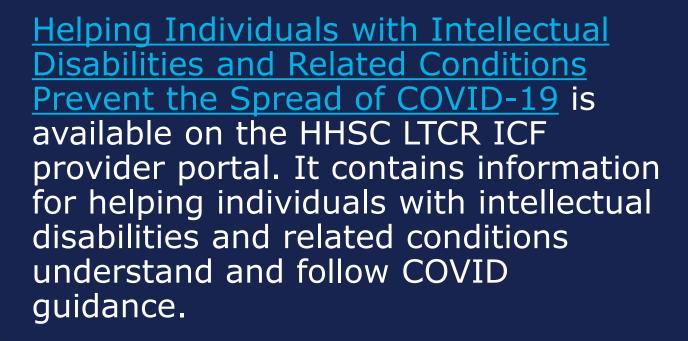
The webinar emphasizes how to prevent or minimize the spread of infectious disease by using PPE. During this webinar you will:

- Review standard and transmissionbased precautions
- Learn proper hand hygiene techniques
- Demonstrate how to utilize PPE
- Discuss the importance of social distancing in an outbreak situation

June 26: 8:30 a.m. Register for the webinar here.



## Reminder: Helping ICF Residents with COVID -19 Precautions







The webinar will help providers prepare for hurricane season and other emergencies and includes COVID-19 considerations.

- Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>: 1 4:30 p.m.
  Register here
- Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>: 1 4:30 p.m.
  <u>Register here</u>



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#### **Question:**

Some CII intake specialists are wanting staff information, including names, when self-reporting. Can we just provide details and not names and then provide information to the surveyor when they are on campus to not violate their HIPAA rights?

#### Response:

Yes – we will reach out to CII staff to ensure they understand what information is needed when you make a self-reported incident for a positive case of COVID-19. You are not required to provide the personal information of staff who test positive.



### Question:

If a resident is newly admitted to an ICF, do they have to be quarantined for 14 days?

### Response:

Yes, per <u>CDC guidance</u> a resident who is newly admitted should be separated from the other residents for 14 days and monitored for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.



#### Question:

Does a resident who is being quarantined after returning from a home visit have to stay in their bedroom?

#### Response:

No, the <u>CDC guidance</u> only recommends that individuals be restricted to their bedroom if they are <u>confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19</u>. Being in quarantine after returning from a home visit does not automatically mean they are confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19; rather it means that they had the potential for being exposed to COVID-19 and should be kept away from others while they are under observation.

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#### Response continued:

The individual may visit common areas but the ICF will have to determine how to accomplish this safely. Some things to consider:

- Can the individual visit the common areas and still be separate from other individuals who are not under quarantine?
- Can at least 6 feet of distance be maintained between the individual under quarantine and the other individuals?
- Are all individuals wearing a cloth face covering when they are out of their bedrooms?
- Are all individuals practicing hand hygiene, covering coughs and sneezes and properly discarding used tissues?
- Is the facility frequently cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces and equipment?
- Is the facility monitoring for signs and symptoms at least three times a day (each shift)?
- Does the facility have a plan for what to do if the individual starts having signs or symptoms of respiratory illness?



#### Question:

Does staff training in CPR have to be hands-on training, or can it be done online?



551.42(e)(2)(A) reads: At least one staff person per shift and on duty must be trained by a CPR instructor certified by an organization *such as* the American Heart Association or the Red Cross. Two points to note:

- It is not required to be hands on it can be online
- It does not have to be AHA or Red Cross training, but should be similar to training provided by those entities





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